(iv) Routine testing of subscriber's meters.

(v) Sealing of meters.

(vi) Locking of meter room.

(vii) Restriction of entry into the main distribution frame rooms.

(viii) Locking of Distribution Points.

(ix) Raising of Distribution Points.

(x) Formation of mobile vigilance squads.

Doordarshan Studios in State Capitals

2357. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is the policy of Government to have atleast one Doordarshan Studio in each State Capital;

(b) whether Government are aware that Goa being over 500 kms. each away from other State Capitals viz., Bombay and Bangalore needs to have its own studio on priority basis ; and

(c) if so, the time by when Government contemplate to start this work ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A TV Programme Generation Facility (PGF) Centre has recently been installed at Panaji in Goa. Steps have been taken to ensure its early operationalisation.

Abolition of Pollution Test of Vehicles in Delhi

2358. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to relax or to abolish the pollution test of vehicles in Delhi ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal before the Government. However, on the contrary, steps would be taken to implement the anti-pollution regulations more effectively. State Governments have already been requested to take immediate steps in this regard.

Deterioration in Postal Services

2359. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that postal services, particularly pertaining to delivery of ordinary mail, telegram, and money order, have deteriorated considerably in the recent past ;

(b) whether Government have carried out any survey/random checks to ascertain from user public in various State capitals, Districts, towns, sub-divisional headquarters as also in the remote villages, as to the time being taken for the letters, telegrams and money orders to reach the addresses in respective destinations presently; if so, the details thereof *vis-a-vis* respective norms, if any, set out by Government ; and

(c) what measures are being contemplated by Government to improve upon the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) It is possible that postal services in some areas may have deteriorated due to a number of factors.

(b) *Postal* ; The following mail surveys were carried out to ascertain the delivery efficiency recently :

(i) Rural Mail Survey

(ii) All India Mail Survey

The study revealed that about 69% of mails within a district are delivered on the next day and 21% on the third day. Transmission norms for first class mails in the following cases have been worked out :

1. The same city/town.

2. Between State Capitals and and Districts in the States.

3. Among 50 selected cities covering at National Level.

4. Between National Capital and all the district Headquarters in the country.

These norms are being tested to place them on firm footing.

Telecom : At present the Department of Telecom is monitoring centrally the delivery of telegrams from Central Telegraph Offices/Departmental Telegraph Offices. The percentage of delivery of telegrams within 12 day light hours was 81·9% in March, 1989 and it has improved to 83·8% in March, 1990. The corresponding targets were 83% and 85% respectively. Monitoring of telegram s delivered from combined offices is carried out at the Circle and Divisional levels in the field.

(c) *Postal :* The mail arrangements are under constant watch and remedial measures are taken to rectify the defects and to streamline the arrangements from time to time.

Telecom : The Department of Telecom has initiated the following remedial action to improve performance further:

(i) introducing of Store and Forward Switching systems in the Telegraph Net work to reduce manual transmitting of telegrams.

(ii) Use of Mopeds for speeding up delivery of telegrams.

(iii) arranging standby power arrangements in Telegraph Offices to mitigate power failure problems.

In addition Electronic Teleprinters and Electronic Keyboards are being introduced in the Telegraph network to ensure more reliable operation of Telegraph service.

Setting up committees consisting of experts to preview programmes for telecasting in national network

2360. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has set up Committees consisting of experts to pre-view each and every programme, including the serials and certify its acceptability for telecast in national network;

(b) if so, the number of such committees entrusted with this assignment together with details of the members in respective committees; and

(c) what are the procedures followed by local Kendras in this regard ?